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OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2009 MILK PRODUCTION REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA MILK PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST QUARTER

There were an estimated 74 million pounds of milk produced in SOUTH CAROLINA during the October - December quarter of 2009, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. This is up 1 million pounds from the 73 million pounds produced in the July - September quarter, and up 3 million pounds from the 71 million pounds produced in the October - December 2008 quarter. There were 17,500 milk cows on SOUTH CAROLINA farms during October - December 2009, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 500 cows from the previous year.

U.S. MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.0 PERCENT

Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 46.2 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 243,000 head less than the same period last year.